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ACCOUNT

Of the Late

Engagement at Sea,

ON THE

Coaſt of Spain,

BETWEEN

Two of Their Majeſties Fifth Rate Frigates,

WITH

Two *French* Men of War and a Privateer;

AS ALSO

Several Rich Merchant-Men; the Stranding one of the *French* Men of War, and taking Three other Ships Richly Laden; with great Numbers of Priſoners.

***In a Letter from a Merchant at* Falmouth *to his Frind in* London.**

Licenſed Auguſt 28. 1691.

ON *Thurſday* laſt, Arrived here two Dutch-Men of War from *Torbay*, being ſent from our Fleet by Admiral *Ruſſel*, with Orders to Cruiſe between the *Dead-Man* and *Uſhant*, but they at preſent remain here for a Wind.

This day Arrived here the Spaniſh *Alliance*, in 7 days from *Corronna*, ſhe carries 26 Guns, and is very well Man'd; in her way outward, ſhe met on the 6 Inſtant with a French Man of War of 23 Guns, who had with her as Prize, an Engliſh Ship of 300 Tuns, bound home from *Boſton* in *New-England*, very Richly Laden, and which ſhe had taken ſome days before; when the French-Man of War and *Alliance* came up with each other, the former (after a few Shot) not liking the Game, ſoon quitted the Engagement, making all the Sail ſhe could away, by which our Frigate ſoon Retook, and poſſeſſed themſelves of the *New-England*-Man, and in her a great many French Seamen Priſoners.

On the 14*th*, They came up with a French *Snow*, a sort of Privateer so called, of 18 Guns and as many Patteraroes, who being extraordinary well Man'd, held a Brush with the *Alliance*, between 5 and 6 hours, but having her Main-Mast brought by the Board, and most of her Rigging miserably Shattered and Torn, she had recourse to her Oars, of which she had 36, by the help of which she got clear, but as they hear, was afterwards Stranded.

On the 10*th* Instant Arrived at *Corronna* the Spanish *Expedition*, she brought in with her a Dutch *Fly-Boat* of 250 Tuns, very Richly Laden, and a French Ship of 20 Tons, from which she took from a French Privateer of 20 Guns after considerable resistance.

On the [illegible] the Spanish *Alliance* came out of *Corronna*, in Company of a Dutch Privateer of 26 Guns, and they both made a mutual agreement, that whatever Prizes should be taken by them in their Voyage to *England*, they should be equal sharers. In their Voyage they gave Chase to a [illegible] of 30 Guns, but could not come any nearer to her, [illegible] reach her with there Chase Guns; soon after they came up with a French Merchant-Man of 16 Guns, and 300 Tuns, Bound from *Martinego*, and very Rich, which they took, after a very [illegible] resistance, and sent her into *Flushing* in *Zealand*. This Ship came out in Company of 21 Sail more, under the Convoy of 3 Men of War, the Admiral of which, as they Declared, carried 60 Guns.

Here are lately come in, about 15 Sail of Straggling Ships from *Virginia*, *Antego*, *Martinego*, &c. The former came from *Virginia* on the 20th of *June*.

Captain *Daniel* Commander of one of these *Martinego*-Men, in his Voyage about 80 Leagues *West* of the *Western-Islands*, had the boldness to give Chase to a French Vessel of 100 Tuns and 10 Guns; and after a sharp Dispute took, notwithstanding the Ship seemed to be of a better Force than his, but he is a bold daring Man.

These Successes has so Flushed our *Packet-Boats*, that they are Resolved nothing shall miss them that they are any ways capable of Managing, and that they are resolved every Man to Perish, rather then suffer there Ships to be taken. This is all that offers at present, either for News or Trade, from your Obliged Friend and Servant, &c.

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